

**DRAFT MINUTES  
SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dennis Rathnaw, Chair, called the March 1, 2022 Suttons Bay Township Planning Commission Meeting to order at 6:01 pm at the Suttons Bay Fire Department, 201 S. St. Mary's Street, Suttons Bay Township, Michigan. The meeting was held with public participation via Zoom electronic remote access.

**ROLL CALL - Quorum Present**

Present: Dennis Rathnaw, Tom Nixon, Rhoda Johnson, Don Gregory,  
Andy Brandt, Patti Miller, Dee McClure,

One vacancy

Absent: Doug Periard

Staff Present: Steve Patmore. Marge Johnson via Zoom.

Mathew Cooke, absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Andy Brandt/moved, Don Gregory/supported, to approve the agenda as submitted, passed.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nick Nolte said he has a 14-acre farm and is having trouble finding housing for his employees, both short term and year around.

**Comments from Planning Commission:**

- Don Gregory - township is facing same issue, farm labor Will talk to Nick about his issue, he could lease additional property.
- Steve Patmore Tom
- Tom Nixon - The school facilities are not being used in the summer time, could be beneficial to the entire community. Our farming community depends on people being here.
- Rhoda Johnson suggested that yurts be considered to be used for housing.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Don Gregory/moved, Tom Nixon/supported, to approve the January 31, 2022 and February 1, 2022 Minutes, passed.*

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION**

**1. Zoning Ordinance Overhaul Project/Mathew Cooke**

Discussion of Articles 11.5 thru Article 12. Next month at April meeting will be discussion of Article 14.9.

Mathew Cooke was absent from this meeting and will listen to planning commission comments on the recording.

Dennis Rathnaw suggested that the Planning Commission have a special meeting in April 2022 (April 12th).

**REPORTS**

Zoning Administrator - Report submitted.

Planner - No report.

Township Board - Rich Bahle will be in the office until April.

Renovation of township offices is being finished.

Chair Comments - None

Commissioners Comments - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None.**

**NEXT MEETING AGENDA - April 5, 2022**

**ADJOURNMENT -** The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes by Marge Johnson, Recording Secretary  
Dee McClure, Secretary